

ALPHA CAMP GOES IT ALONE

Long Standing Trouble in the Order Ends in Open Rupture.

WOODMEN SECEDE FROM PARENT ORDER

Leaders in the Secession Movement Declare that They Will Soon Bring Forth a New Order.

The troubles and difficulties that have existed for months between the sovereign officers of the Woodmen of the World and the members of the Alpha camp of that secret society are about to culminate. The dissatisfied members of the camp are about to secede and rebel from the parent body and within the next few days will sever their allegiance from the Woodmen of the World and will form a separate and distinct fraternal order.

Before the week is out, or possibly not until the early part of next week, the articles of incorporation of the new order will be filed with the proper authorities. Among those who will be named as the incorporators and the officers of the new body are the following: George C. Thompson, C. E. Allen, R. E. Duffie, W. H. Hanchett, D. M. Haverly, R. W. Kelly, George S. Cott, J. E. Lucas, R. E. McKelvy, H. M. Waring and George Ostrom. The new order will be known as the "Knights of the Forest."

The Bee gave a full account of the troubles that were dividing the officers of the Woodmen of the World and the members of the Alpha camp at the time they gained big proportions some months ago. The latter had two main causes of complaint. One was that the rate of assessment was too high, and the other was the fact that they were called upon to help pay for the higher rate of mortality that is prevalent in the southern states.

CAUSE OF REVOLT. In consequence of this complaint the camp made a demand upon the sovereign officers of the body, the headquarters of which are located in the Sheeley block, that a system known as the separate jurisdiction plan be put into effect. By this the territory in which the order is held is divided into separate jurisdictions, in each of which the rate of mortality was to be about the same. Each of the separate jurisdictions was to have its own officers, its own assessments, and in fact transact all of its own business officers. In effect each jurisdiction would be practically a separate order, although they would all be bound together in some way.

The effect of this plan would be to greatly decrease the business transacted by the sovereign headquarters. In consequence Sovereign Commander J. C. Root opposed the plan. As a substitute he offered what he termed the department plan. This also provided for the separation of the members into separate jurisdictions, but it provided further that while the members in each jurisdiction should be assessed according to the deaths that had occurred in it without regard to the rate of mortality that occurred in the other jurisdictions, the entire business should be transacted through the sovereign headquarters. Books of the jurisdictions were to be kept separately there.

Alpha camp members, while they made a vigorous fight for the separate jurisdiction camp in the meeting at Lincoln that elected the delegates to the sovereign camp meeting, expressed themselves as willing to accept the department plan when they were defeated there. The matter came up in the sovereign camp meeting last March at St. Louis. There no action whatever was taken. As before, the members in all parts of the territory convened at the sovereign camp meeting in view of the failure to adopt either of the plans, the members of Alpha camp have continued dissatisfied. They maintain that if they were not compelled to pay the high rate of deaths that occur in the southern states the amount of their assessments would be greatly lessened. They are now endeavoring to separate the northern and southern rates.

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ARBOR DAY ADVICE FROM LEE.

South Dakota's Governor Indulges in Some Timely Reflections. Governor Lee's first Arbor day proclamation, setting apart Monday, May 3, as a day for tree planting in South Dakota, contains some reflections that may well be considered by the Nebraskaans who put in a few hours yesterday planting trees on the fertile prairies of the Antelope state. Governor Lee writes:

In compliance with a prevailing custom, we have fixed the day for the planting of trees on the prairie of the Antelope state. In the past, the planting of trees has been given up as a thing of the past. The faithful observance of this day should be a custom to be followed in a half-hearted or forgotten manner. It is a custom that should be followed in a half-hearted or forgotten manner. It is a custom that should be followed in a half-hearted or forgotten manner.

We owe an obligation to every growing thing of beauty or usefulness which we have planted. It is our duty to see that it grows to maturity and that it bears fruit to the benefit of the world. It is our duty to see that it bears fruit to the benefit of the world. It is our duty to see that it bears fruit to the benefit of the world.

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BAPTIST MISSIONARY MEETING

General Conference of Superintendents to Consider the Field Work.

REPRESENTATION FROM TWELVE STATES

Articles of Incorporation for a Home for Aged, Infirm and Dependent Ministers Are Discussed and Adopted.

The general conference of the superintendents of the Baptist missions of the west was in session yesterday at the Young Men's Christian association building, the initial meeting being held Wednesday night. Many prominent missionary workers from western states and territories were present, including Dr. William H. Hanchett, general superintendent of the mission of the west; Dr. E. H. Shanafelt, general secretary for South Dakota; Dr. W. L. Van Horn, general secretary for North Dakota; Rev. L. J. Dyke, general secretary for Oklahoma; Rev. D. W. Hurlbut, general secretary for Wisconsin; Rev. O. A. Williams, superintendent of missions for Minnesota; Rev. P. W. H. Hanchett, general secretary for Colorado; Rev. H. C. Woods, superintendent of missions for Colorado; Dr. N. B. Baird, superintendent of missions for Nebraska; Rev. E. P. Bartlett, general secretary for Iowa; Rev. K. H. Meredith, general secretary for Missouri; and Rev. J. H. Pope, general missionary for Minnesota.

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The benefit social dance to be given by the Minnehaha Council No. 2, Degree of Pochontas, Wednesday night, at Labor Temple, 714 N. 17th, has been postponed until Friday night.

Six-Thirty P. M. Train. Of the CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RY. Best service. ELECTRIC LIGHTS, Dining car. City office, 1614 Farnam.

Talmage Coming to Omaha. Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D.D., will address a mass meeting at Boyd's theatre next Tuesday evening, April 27, on the subject of the famine in India. Dr. Talmage is at present traveling through the great corn belt and endeavoring to arouse the sympathies and enlist the active charity of the favored inhabitants of this land for the stricken millions of Hindostan. The wide celebrity of the speaker and the worthiness of the cause which he advocates will combine to attract an immense crowd.

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